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not been articulated. We listen to the Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee and he seems to be a little animated this morning and he's trying to get people to listen that there has been no justification sufficiently articulated that would justify such a dramatic change in our policy, and LB 1249, colleagues, is a dramatic change in our policy. And I also want to put this out. On Tuesday, towards the end of the debate, and I think we've gone about four hours, I'm going to clarify that, Senator Landis, after Senator Chambers started speaking, implied that this is somehow about a filibuster.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: This is not about a filibuster. This is about legitimate policy issues presented in LB 1249. Now I had made mention on Tuesday of a letter that I sent to the Attorney General back in February outlining significant, what I feel are constitutional issues with granting an exclusive territory, with granting a privilege to a gas entity to have an area that is exclusively theirs. And I handed that out this morning. It's a Xerox copy of my letterhead, dated February 13, and if you would just take a look at that, the question surrounding whether or not the state of Nebraska can give or award an exclusive territory. Then also attached to that, I'm going to touch on it a little bit the next time I speak, also attached to that you'll see LR 439, which I introduced, that raises these very issues about exclusive territories. And then the last page, for whatever this is worth,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...you look at the editorial by the World-Herald.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Mr. Clerk, priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Friend would move to bracket LB 1249 until April 13, 2006.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Friend, to open on your bracket